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FOR

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# GUARDIANS' REPORT.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Chicago:

The Board of Guardians of the Chicago Reform School respectfully present the accompanying Report of the Superintendent for the year ending March 31st, 1870, which will give fully the history and operations for the past year.

An examination of the Statistical Tables accompanying the Report will show that the interests of reformation have great reason to complain of the repeated fining and imprisoning of young boys by the different Courts before being sent to our School. The familiarity thus gained by being arrested, fined and imprisoned so often has a tendency to confirm them in their downward course, and is pernicious to the interests of reformation and humanity.

We call your attention to the large number of discharges by the writ of habeas corpus; also to the law view now taken, as to what constitutes proper committal to our School; that is, those only who are vagrants, destitute of proper parental care, and growing up in mendicancy, ignorance, idleness and vice; the result being that all arrests for offences excepting as above are tossed about from Courts to

Jail and Bridewell by numerous fines and committals, until, in a short time, are made fit by such continuations of prison and street life, to come under the proper construction of the law for committal as above. And at this point they come under our care for reformation, and you can judge, under such a system, what would be our embarrassments.

We again call your attention to the fact that we are liable to receive notice at any time to vacate our premises. You will take such steps as you may think proper for the future continuance of the School.

We hope you will continue to look after what we are doing, and, if it meets your approval, you will give us the appropriations we ask for the coming year.

We think you will notice with pleasure that our Superintendent is pursuing a course of strict economy, and that our expenses are reduced to the lowest possible point, and that all the interests of the School are well promoted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. WADSWORTH, President.

J. H. GRAY, Secretary.

### FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# CHICAGO REFORM SCHOOL.

## To the Board of Guardians:

Gentlemen,—I respectfully submit the following tables, showing in detail the condition of the Institution for the year ending March 31st, 1870:

Total number of boys received into the Institution since

its opening, Nov. 30, 1855,	1,199
Number in School April 1st, 1869, 214	
" committed during year, 78	\$
" re-committed " " 2	;
" returned as runaways, 5	i
" on ticket,	i
Total number in School during year,	305
Number sent out from School during year, 99	,
" died, 3	,
" remaining in School April 1st, 1870, 203	į
Total,	305
Those received during the year on commitment v	vere as
follows:	
Committed by parents,	3
" Superior Court,	
" " Circuit "	
" Recorder's "	
Total	

<u> </u>	
Number received during the different months:	
April, 1869,	3
May, "	9
June, "	5
July, "	9
August, "	4
Sept., "	7
Oct., "	8
Nov., "	7
Dec., "	4
Jan., 1870,	9
Feb., "	11
March, "	4
Total,	80
Those received confessed to—	
Grand Larceny,	11
Petit Larceny,	31
Vagrancy,	12
Truancy,	4
Incorrigible,	6
Burglary,	7
Assault,	1
Running away from home,	7
Burning Hay,	1
-	
Total,	80
Nativity of those received:	
Illinois,	26
Massachusetts,	2
Connecticut,	1
New York,	10
Pennsylvania,	, 3
New Jersey,	2
Virginia,	1
Ohio,	2
Wisconsin,	3
Iowa,	1
Missouri	9

Soc	ial condition of their homes:
Had lo	st both parents,
"	their fathers,
	mothers,
	ep-parents,
	perate fathers,
	s were religious,
"	
"	in prison,

The average number in the School during the year, 211.

The average age of those received during the year is 13 years and 3 months.

## WORK DEPARTMENTS.

The average departments of tollows:			•	•	•				
Shoe Shop,			. <b></b>					 	27
Cane Chair Shop									62
Flag and Reed C	haiı	Shop,						 	13
Basket Shop,									26
General Work S									18
Tailor Shop,									14
Garden and Gree									10
Laundry,		•							7
Carpenter Shop,									1
Baker Shop,									1
Kitchen,									3
Whitewashing,.									· 2
Care of Stock,									2
General Work D									25
	1	,						_	
Avera	ge :	number,.						 	211
		LAUN	IDR'	Ÿ.					
Towels wash	ned	and irone	d,					 16,	801
Pillow Slips	"	46						 13,	802
Sheets	66	"						 13,	532
Shirts	"	"						 10,	908
Pairs Stockings	"	"						 7,	163
" Pants	"	"						 3,	038
" Blankets	.6	"							259
Aprons	"	"							712
Tablecloths	"	"				<b>.</b> .	<b>.</b>		958

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Bed Spreads	washed and	iron	ed,	153
" Tieks	"	"		
Shirt Fronts	66	"		257
Hammoeks	"	"		
т	otal number o	f pie	es,	68,039
	TAI	LOR	SHOP.	
			Made.	Mended.
Jackets			$\dots 290$	1,818
Pairs Pants.			376	4,921
" Stocki	ngs		330	6,509
Caps			334	179
Shirts			420	9,371
Suspenders.	• • • • • • • • • • • • •			
	rs			
Ticks	<i></i>		8	164
Aprons	• • • • • • • • • • • • •		39	50
-				423
				128
	s			5
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			227
	s			54
				78
	•		•	
			ORK SHOP.	•
				•
" E	eans	٠.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. 13,518
	BAS	KET	SHOP.	
Market Bask	ets made			6,307
Clothes "	"			•
Dinner "	"			•
Work "				
Flower Stan				
Willow Cha				
FLA	G. REED AN	m C	ANE CHAIR SHOI	PS.
	•			
Medium "				•
Treatmin		• • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,237

Large Chairs cane seated	2,260
Flag " seated	2,161
Reed " "	104
Chairs repaired	154
SHOE SHOP.	
Pairs of Men's Shoes bottomed	472
" Boys' " "	72
" Boots manufactured	4,200
" Youths' " "	420
" Men's Shoes, "	2,894
" Boys' " "	1,863
" " mended,	414
FLORAL DEPARTMENT.	
There have been cultivated:	
Plants of every variety to the amount of\$5,5	99 80
2 miles of overly various to the union of the tree very	00 00
GARDEN AND FARM.	
Bushels of Peas	125
" Beans	150
" Tomatoes	300
" Cucumbers	7
" Sweet Corn	217
"Beets	128
" Parsnips	90
" Carrots	75
" Onions	255
" Turnips	130
Melons and Squash	2,200
Heads Cabbage	
" Lettuce	1,500
Bushels Yellow Corn.	200
Pounds of Pork	$\boldsymbol{925}$

# FINANCES.

Inven	tory of Furniture, Stock and Tools on har	nd Ma	rel
31st, 187	0:		
Stock and	Tools in Shoe Shop\$	6,698	67
"	in Basket Shop	902	
	in Floral Department	5,727	80
"	in Chair Shop	223	67
66	on Farm	1,730	25
"	in Tailor Shop	191	34
"	in Carpenter Shop	294	38
Goods in	Store Rooms	4,821	09
"	Clothing Rooms	3,724	01
Furniture	in Family 1 Building	855	53
"	" 2 "	1,016	25
46	" 3 & 4 "	1,402	€5
"	" 5 & 6 "	1,949	22
"	Office Building	1,351	47
" "	Laundry "	446	93
"	and Stores in Superintendent's Building	1,631	97
	Total\$	32,967	60
Our ex	ependitures for the year have been as follow	vs:	

## PROVISIONS.

Flour\$	3,771	75
Corn Meal	204	45
Potatoes	466	82
Molasses	584	63
Beans	130	97

Amount Forward......\$5,158 62

Amount Forward \$ 5,158	62
Codfish 172	83
Salt	30
Tea 306	45
Vinegar 73	88
Coffee	81
Butter 885	84
Rice 226	_
- T F	75
ziopo	25
Saleratus6	60
Cream Tartar21	50
Soda 5	00
Ginger 28	00
Sugar	
Fresh Meat	26
Lard	78
255	15
Milk	66
Small Groceries	57
Ice	00
	50
Chocolate	44
Allspice 4	10
	60
	00
Fresh Fish	37
Dried Apples	05
Cinnamon	51
Prunes	24
Mackerel	50
Total\$10,558	91
CLOTHING.	
Satinets and Cassimeres \$ 1,205	71
Shirting	
	25
Amount Forward	62
1,450	<i>-</i>

A mount forward	\$ 1,496	62
Wadding	7	00
Hats and Caps	. 45	25
Collars and Cravats	41	67
Buttons	15	95
Thread	69	80
Stockings	137	00
Demims	. 64	54
Shoes		
Total	.\$2,741	
HOUSEHOLD DRY GOODS.		
Sheeting	\$ 118	03
Combs and Brushes		23
Ticking	8	84
Table Linen	82	35
Crash	72	52
Thimbles, Pins and Needles		66
Curtains and Fixtures	60	75
Total	\$368	38
FURNITURE.	•	
Beds and Bedding	3 248	88
Stoves and Pipe	225	62
Crockery and Glassware	171	16
Woodenware	32	50
Cutlery	16	75
Lamps and Lanterns	75	19
School Books and Furniture	252	24
Carpenter's Tools	2	34
Farming "	78	80
Tables, Bureaus and Chairs	369	87
Tinware	69	98
Brooms and Brushes	161	84
Mirrors	16	65
Hardware	64	00
Amount Forward		

Amount forward,\$	1,785	83
Carpeting	213	93
Clothes Wringer	7	75
Blankets	325	00
Door Mats	6	80
Repairing Machines and Fur	4	35
Oil Cloths	121	28
Paper Hanging, &c	78	92
Cloeks	20	00
Matting	33	45
	2,597	31
FUEL AND LIGHTS.		
Hard Coal	2,358	1.0
Soft Coal	534	
Wood	794	
Matches	-	60
Burning Oil	245	18
Total	3,884	45
GENERAL EXPENSES.		
Shoe Blacking	19	50
Blank Books and Stationery	109	94
Festivals and Rewards	281	43
Fodder	998	47
Sundries	10	30
Bath Brick	2	25
Railroad Fares and Livery	72	22
Medicine and Medical Attendance	384	40
Stamps	45	70
Printing	177	00
Funeral Expenses		00
Insurance	415	
Teaming	380	
Windmill		89
Soap	_	04
Amount forward,	3,047	47
4.		

Amount forward	47
	50
Washing Soda	48
	65
Hardware 58	91
Interest on Loan	45
Garden Seeds and Plants 45	04
Shoe Shop Salaries and Fur 2,564	52
Basket Shop Salaries and Fur	58
Farm and Garden 962	80
Chair Shop Salaries and Tools	26
Live Stock 60	00
Starch	18
Harness and Repairs	30
Musie	80
Library 104	82
Organ	00
Rope and Twine	51
Legal Expenses 935	00
New Wagons	00
Labor Bills and Salaries 6,831	84
Sheriff Fees 106	00
Total	11
REPAIRS.	
Paints, Oils and Glass \$ 86	82
Roofing	57
8	50
Hardware 10	50
Carpenter	62
Plumbing	76
Total \$ 576	77
, IMPROVEMENTS.	
Paints, Oils and Glass	06
Hardware	08
Amount forward\$ 372	 14

	An	nount forward\$	372	14
			63	45
Cement	and S	tucco	9	65
Lumber.			132	80
Plumbin	g		200	66
Masons.			327	50
Carpente	er		941	00
Brick		•••••	91	85
Picket I	Pencin	g	52	70
Posts for	r Dori	nitory	38	0.0
		ily One building	451	00
Lath			3	30
Raising:	and-fi	xing-up School Room	475	60
Plasterin	ig and	re-siding Main Building	444	40
Conduct	or Pip	oe	19	81
New Bar	m		54	01
	To	tal	\$3,677	
		CREDIT.		
Balance	credit	Shoe Shop	2,567	77
"	"	Basket Shop	1,584	
٠.	"	Chair Shop	3,164	79
4.	"	General Work Shop	822	
"	"	Floral Department	208	90,
"	"	Farm	135	00
"	"	Sundries	185	90,
٠.	"	Board of Boys	817	91
	An	ount of credits	9,487	54
Last yea		ls collected	1,548	
	То	tal amount of credits\$	11,035	93.
			,	
		ed \$4,318 28		
		eredited Shoe Shop 863 25		
School-re	oom C	Chairs, credited Basket		
Shop.		30 00		
			5,211	53
	An	nount paid Comptroller \$	5,824	40

## DEBIT.

	558	
	741	08
Household Dry Goods	368	38
Furniture 2,5	597	31
Fuel and Lights	384	45
	152	11
•	576	
<del>-</del>	377	27
Total	—— 356	28
Amount of credits 9,4		
Total am't expended this year\$32,8	368	74
Deduct old bills paid this year \$ 970 60		
" Judges' and Clerks' Fees Ex		
Boys 525 00		
" Sheriff Fees 106 00		
" Interest on Loan 60 45	٠	
" Improvements 3,677 27		
	339	32
Current expenses this year \$27,0	)29	42

The foregoing tables comprise about all the necessary statistics that are of any special interest. I will therefore devote the remainder of this report in giving you a more thorough knowledge of the items contained therein.

Total number received into the school is 1199. This number does not include re-committed or returned boys.

Boys committed 78. This number exceeds the committals of the three previous years, and it is a fact that the majority of those committed were more adept and hardened in crime and deceit. And it will continue to be so, as long as our Courts persist in repeatedly sending youthful offenders to the Jail and the Bridewell (before consigning them to our care,) costing our city immense sums for their repeated conviction, and stamping indelibly on their characters that brand which no reformatory influence, however salutary, can efface.

The following table will show that something ought to be done to stop this hardening process.

Out of the 80 boys sent this year,

Two had been arrested and let go eight times. Two six" " " " " " One five One four Six " " " " three Fourteen " " 66 two Sixteen " 66 66 " once One had been fined four One " three Two 66 two Ten once One had been sent to the Bridewell three " Two " two Eleven " " " once One " Jail six .66 " " One " four " Five " " " " three Five " " " " two Nine " " 66 " " once

One boy had been arrested and let off six times with a reprimand, fined once, sent to the Bridewell once and Jail four times.

Another had been arrested four times and let go, and was sent to the Bridewell thrice and Jail once, had been fined thrice.

Another had been fined twice, arrested six times, sent to the Bridewell twice and Jail thrice.

Boys re-committed, 2. Those boys were discharged from the school on Writ of Habeas Corpus. On their release from the institution, their momentary and much mistaken friends forsook and left them to sink or swim. One of them for nine months alternated between the Jail, the Bridewell and the street, until sufficiently hardened he was again considered a fit subject for the Reform School.

The other, taken back among his old associates, without any restraint or good influence exercised toward him by those who presumed to be his friends, it is no wonder he fell from bad to worse; that he was released from the protecting care and guardianship of the Institution by the law, was sufficient incentive for him to take precedence among his old companions, and become their leader in every lawless act.

Ticketed and discharged, 61. Fifty-four of this number are doing well, two doing badly, and five not heard from.

Returned to the Courts, 5. Those were over age and not proper subjects for this institution.

Returned to Parents on leaving the city, 5. Two are doing well, the others have not been heard from.

Discharged by Writ of Habeas Corpus, 16. Out of the sixteen I only know of two who are doing well. It is a notorious fact, that most of those, before being committed here, were allowed to roam the streets without parental care, or sympathy from any source, and preying upon the public at at every opportunity; but immediately they are taken under the care and supervision of a benevolent institution, established for their benefit, parents and parties who never gave them a thought before, now indignantly demand their release by Writ of Habeas Corpus; time and money are freely spent to gain the desired object, (and past experience tells us)

gained only to drop the boy back in the same downward path from which we received him. I am aware this is no place for argument, but we who are so closely connected with this class of children, know the incalculable harm and immense injustice done, not only to those unfortunate boys, but also to the community in which they live, by such a proceeding. Can there be anything illegal in depriving an incompetent parent of the power of educating his son in crime, and placing that son, even against his own will, where he will be educated, cared for, and made a useful member of society. No law, either human or divine, can be so construed.

Escaped and not heard from, 10. Pardoned by the Governor, 2. Died, 3. Particulars are to be found in Physician's Report.

#### WORK DEPARTMENTS.

Shoe Shoe.—The average number employed in this shop throughout the year was 27, being less than two-thirds of last year's average, which accounts for the difference in quantity of work and amount of credit. The prospects for the coming year are more favorable than the past, having been somewhat disappointed in our arrangements by the action of the Shoemaker's Union.

CANE CHAIE SHOP.—This shop has been well supplied with work; January and February being the only months we reduced our working force from the regular number to correspond with the amount of work received.

FLAG AND REED CHAIR SHOP.—We have been carrying along this shop on a small scale, but the increasing call for Reed bottom chairs will warrant our doubling the present working force the coming year.

Basket Shor.—We have consumed over 12 tons of willow and realized a fair average sum for the number of boys employed in this department.

GENERAL WORK SHOP.—This is not one of our regular work shops carried on from day to day, but is in operation only when we are short of work in some other department, thereby keeping the boys employed while business is dull in their own trade.

FLORAL DEPARTMENT.—The revenue in dollars and cents has not been so large as we expected, but with a credit balance of \$208.90, and the incalculable good derived from the Greenhouses, makes it one of the best paying departments in school. The stock of plants is continually increasing in variety and number, and while beautifying and enhancing the value of the grounds, their influence on the mind as a reformatory agent is unsurpassed.

FARM.—This originally consisted of five acres which was yearly planted with vegetables. Last spring we sold the willow roots from the back lot, and taking advantage of the improved drainage, turned the four acres into good farming land; thereby giving us nine acres on which to raise the necessary vegetables for the school.

Tailor Shor—Is still under the charge of a lady, and a passing glance at the list of articles made and mended will show that her fourteen boys have not been idle.

LAUNDRY.—This department is also conducted by a lady, who, with her seven boys, washed and ironed 68,039 pieces, which certainly speaks well for them.

CARPENTER SHOP.—Made 179 shoe boxes, 389 boot boxes. Erected a greenhouse, 18 x 42 in front yard; laid 100 feet of wooden sewer; put up 392 feet picket fence, 4 ft. high; new barn, 16 x 24; fitted up 38 hammock posts in Family 1 Dormitory, and remodeled the sleeping arrangements in Main Dormitory.

To mention the large amount of necessary repairs done on furniture, tools and buildings would take up more space than we can give in this report.

Baker Shop and Kitchen.—The baking and cooking for the whole establishment is done under the supervision of one man with the assistance of several boys; then carried to the respective family dining halls.

GENERAL WORK DEPARTMENT.—Includes all those who are employed taking care of the different family buildings; also doorkeepers, errand boys, &c.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

Raised the school-room roof six feet; re-plastered the walls; re-arranged and painted the seats and desks; re-sided and painted the whole building outside. Secured family one building by taking down part of the north and west wall and putting in new foundation.

Erected a barn 16 x 24 feet; also 392 feet of picket fence round family yards.

Improved the sleeping arrangements in family one and main dormitory, with many other minor improvements which have added to the convenience and comfort of the inmates.

#### BAND.

The heavy debt resting on this department, as mentioned in last year's report, (which was over \$900.00) has been nearly canceled. The band, though continually changing its members, needs no word of mine to make known its past success, or predict its future prosperity, for the annexed table will show them both.

The Band account from Nov. 1, 1868 to April 1, 1870.

DEBIT.

Balance from Geo. W. Perkins 58 Services of Band at Concerts, Festi-	23		
vals and Pic-Nics since Dec. 1868. 1,125	14		
Donation by T. A. Holland, Publisher, 5	00		
" " other friends 6	70		
1,195	07		
Due Superintendent 115	35		
		\$1,310	42
CREDIT.			
Passes on Railroads, Rent of Halls,			
Advertising Concerts and Sundry			
Expenses	23		
Instruments 842	19		
73 13 101	00		
" Hugh Goodwin " " 42	00		
" C II 110 35 .	00		
	_	\$1,310	<b>42</b>

${\it Inventory of}$	Instrumen	nts, d	c., be	longing	to the	$B\epsilon$	and Fur	nd.
3 Eb Cornet	s, German	Silve	r		\$ 55	00	165	00
3 Bb "	"	44					165	00
3 Eb Altos	44			<i></i>	67	00	201	00
2 Bb Tenors	. "	"			78	00	156	00
1 Eb Bass,	"	"			130	00	130	00
1 pair Cymb	als, 14 inc	eh		· · · · · · ·			28	00
1 Bass Drun	n						25	00
1 Snare "							20	00
2 Eb Cornet	s, Brass∴				30	00	60	00
2 Bb "	"				30	00	60	00
1 Eb Alto,						00	50	00
1 Bb Tenor,	"				75	00	75	00
1 Bb Bass,	"				40	00	40	00
1 Eb Clarion	iet				15	00	15	00
1 pair Cymb	als				10	00	10	00
1 Snare Dru						60	10	00
11 Silver Fife	es				2	00	22	00
12 Drum Fra	mes				4	00	48	00
							A	

\$1,280 00

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Our finances were never in a more satisfactory condition. By strict economy (at the same time supplying every necessary comfort to the inmates) we have succeeded in saving a balance sufficient to pay expenses until the next appropriation falls due; saving interest on money that would have to been borrowed, and enabling us to purchase more advantageously by paying all bills promptly.

As to the progress of the boys in their studies, I respectfully refer you to the appended report of our principal teacher. Our regular services of the Sabbath and week day have been as usual.

The additional expenditure of one hundred dollars in Library books has added a new interest to that already important department. We have cause to be thankful for the excellent health with which a kind Providence has blessed us during the past year. For particulars in this department you are referred to the Physician's accompanying report.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We return thanks to the Publishers of the Chicago Republican, Tribune, Evening Journal, Staats Zeitung, Standard, and the New York Advocate and Guardian, for a supply of papers furnished during the year; also to C. C. Chase, Esq., for his generous donation of Harper's Monthly, Ballou's Monthly, Riverside, Nursery and Heany's Journal; to T. A. Holland, Esq., for a donation of \$5 to our Band Fund, and to Huey & Co., South Bend, for the Toledo Blade. We are also deeply indebted to the Rev. James C. White, of Oakland, for the warm regard and sympathy manifested toward us, by his frequent visits and interesting addresses; and to many other friends who have assisted us in our Sabbath exercises during the year.

It is with pleasure I acknowledge the fidelity and untiring industry of the officers and teachers associated with me; the willingness with which they have responded to my calls whether on or off duty, show they have the welfare of the boys at heart.

Your frequent visits and the continued aid, kindness and sympathy which you have ever manifested for the general good of the institution, will not fail in bringing their appropriate reward.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT TURNER, SUP'T.

# TEACHER'S REPORT.

To t	he	Superintendent	of	the	Chicago	Reform	School:
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The following statistics comprise the Fourteenth Annual Report of the School Department for the year ending March 31st, 1870.

Whole number under instruction at the commencement of the year	014
Have been received during the year	
Whole number under instruction during the year	305
Have left the School	102
Present Attendance	203
Attainments of the ninety-one pupils received during	
the year:	
Did not know the Alphabet	10
Began in Primer	25
" First Reader	20
" " Second "	14
" "Third "	11
" "Fourth "	3
" "Fifth "	2
Total	91
IN ARITHMETIC.	
Had never studied Arithmetic	35
" studied Primary through Addition	15
" " Simple Rules	16
" " Practical " " "	12
" " Fractions	18
Total	91

IN GEOGRAPHY.	
Had never studied Geography	50
" studied Primary through United States	37
" Modern	4
Total	91
in Writing.	
Had never written	45
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Total	91
PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL.	
Say they had never attended School	7
Less than six months	10
Over six months, and less than one year	19
" one year, and less than two	40
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Total	91
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IN READING.	
Read in Primer	4
" "First Reader	8
" " Second "	7
" "Third "	21
" "Fourth "	25
" " Fifth "	24
" "History	13
Total	102
IN ARITHMETIC.	
Did not study Arithmetic	17
Studied Primary through Multiplication	40
" Intellectual	20
" Practical through Simple Rules	10
" " Fractions	15
Total	100

		IN GEOGRAPHY.	
Did not	study Geog	graphy	18
Studied	Primary to	Map of North America	20
	"	" United States	30
"		" Europe	20
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	Total		102
		IN WRITING.	
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"	"	Fourth "	53
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"	"	History	15
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		IN ARITHMETIC.	
Do not	study Arith	metic	40
		know the Multiplication table	80
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		through Simple Rules	39
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The arrangements in the School Department remain the same as the preceding year.

The time devoted to study in the summer season is just before and after dinner as reported last year, and in the winter season from 6:40 till 7:40 A. M. and from 4:15 till 7:35 P. M.

The morning session during the winter season is devoted to writing exclusively. As heretofore, the School is divided into divisions, according to the standing of the scholars; those most advanced occupying the *first*, and those of a lower grade the next lower division. A lady teacher is in charge of each division. The scholars prepare their lessons in the main room, under the care of the Principal, and at a given signal rise, and pass out to their recitation room, there to recite and talk with the teacher about the lesson. At the expiration of

the time given for recitation, the classes again enter the main room and another class or division is sent out.

This process is renewed till all have recited. To fully report the duties performed by the teacher, and the progress made by the pupils, would take up more space and time than is generally given for the Teacher's Report. The duty of the teacher is not to simply impart the instruction the scholar so much needs, and see that his behavior is such as you would approve of, but also to inculcate kindness, truthfulness, cleanliness, and many other traits of character heretofore unknown by the majority of boys received in a School such as this.

How we succeed cannot now be told; many of them are here taught the Alphabet, not having had an opportunity of attending school before they came, or if they had the opportunity did not improve it or ran away from it, because they were not allowed to do as their inclinations led them to do.

They are here taught the common branches of an ordinary English education. Many of them learn very rapidly, and in after years will look back upon the Reform School with great pleasure; having been here taught what they could not have learned had they been permitted to run at liberty, as they had been doing before they came.

During the year our school room has been remodeled. Ceiling raised, windows enlarged and wood work painted; in fact giving us almost a new school room.

The piano you so kindly furnished instead of the old organ has helped to make school very pleasant.

The addition of 100 volumes to the boys' Library will prove a very beneficial source of instruction during the coming year. For these and many other benefits furnished the boys accept their grateful thanks.

Any success that may have attended our efforts during the year, is mainly due to the untiring energy of the associate teachers, who have so faithfully performed every duty devolving upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KALLEEN,

Principal.

### PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Guardians of the Chicago Reform School:

Gentlemen—In presenting this our fourteenth annual report, we would congratulate the Board on the excellent health of the School during the past year.

The larger portion of the sickness, except slight attacks, has been with boys suffering with chronic ailments with which a portion were afflicted when admitted to the School.

Every year since the founding of the Institution, the sick list has comprised two, three or more boys with organic diseases of some kind, usually of the lungs or heart, contracted prior to their admission to the Institution; and thus they became objects of medical care and nursing during their entire stay in the School.

It is from this class that the larger portion of the mortality is formed. We would suggest to the Board the propriety of making some arrangement by which this class of patients could be transferred either to the County Hospital or Alms House.

The mortality of the School for the past year is as follows: Frank Owen, aged 17 years, 4 months and 24 days, died of consumption, October 28th, 1869. George H. Miller, aged 17 years, 9 months and 8 days, was accidentally killed, Dec. 1st, 1869. George K. Ryal, aged 15 years, 3 months and 3 days, was drowned while bathing in the Lake, August 28th, 1869.

No epidemic diseases have occurred during the year, and more than usual freedom from ophthalmic and cutaneous diseases has been maintained.

The boys were all carefully examined with reference to their protection from variola, and those unprotected were vaccinated.

At the present time the School is remarkably free from sick cases.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH P. ROSS, M. D.

Chicago, April 1st, 1870.

## EXTRACTS FROM DAILY JOURNAL.

April 2, 1869.—Visited to-day by Dr. J. II. Hollister, of the Board of Guardians.

April 3.—J. M. was committed by his father. J. H. Gray, Sec'y of the Board of Guardians visited the School to-day.

April 4.—Rev. J. C. White addressed the boys at the usual hour. Subject: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Several people from the city present.

April 7.—J. H. Gray, See'y, visited the School to-day. The old school books replaced with an entire new series.

April 8.—Brass band out all day playing for the Newsboys' Home. Hon. Mark Skinner of the Board of Guardians, and friends, visited the Institution.

April 13.—T. M. returned as a runaway to the School. E. S. Wadsworth, Pres't, and Walter Kimball, Comptroller, visited the Institution this afternoon.

April 14.-M. Q. received his ticket to-day.

April 18.—Rev. Mr. Smythe, from Philadelphia, spoke to the boys to-day.

April 25.—G. W. Perkins, Esq., and Mr. Griswold from

Chicago addressed the boys to day.

April 27.—E. S. Wells of the Board of Guardians, in company with Mr. Partridge and daughter, visited us to-day; also the Rev. Mr. Eddy and nephew. H. B. received his ticket and went to live with a farmer at M.

April 28.—T. P. received his ticket to-day, and returned home to his friends.

April 29—T. S. Moulton, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees for the State Reform School, visited the Institution.

May 4 .- J. H. Gray, Secretary, visited to-night.

May 7.—J. G. was committed to the School by Superior Court.

May 9.—E. S. Wells, of the Board of Guardians, addressed the boys at the usual hour.

May 10.—Jno. R. and Jos. R., brothers, received into the School to-day.

May 16.—G. W. Perkins addressed the boys this morning. Peter Caldwell, Esq., Sup't of Louisville House of Refuge, also visited to-day. Rev. Mr. White held service with us this afternoon, a large number of strangers were present.

May 17.—A. C. received his discharge to-day, and went home to his parents.

May 18.—H. L. committed to the School.

May 21.—Band gave a concert at Farwell Hall to-night.
May 22.—Band gave a mattinee at Library Hall, and play-

ed at the Rink this eve. P. R., J. F., J. Me and L. G. B. were committed to the School.

May 29.—Band went out to Palatine to play at the services held in comemoration of our brave dead heroes, as all the graves in the country are strewn with flowers to-day. Band played at Wabash Avenue Rink this eye.

June 1.—Band engaged to play every night for a week at the Rink. Dr. J. H. Hollister and wife, with some friends, visited the School.

June 2.—M. Mc. received his ticket. Judge Skinner and E. H. Sheldon, Esq. of the Board of Guardians, visited us to-day.

June 3.—J. H. Gray, Secretary of the Board, went round the shops, etc.

June 4.—M. W., M. C. and J. J. sent here by Superior Court.

June 8.-Will. J. sent by Recorder's Court.

June 11.—Granted F. W. his ticket. Brass Band at Evanston to-day, playing at a Good Templar's Pic-nic.

June 15.—Visited by Mr. Little, Assistant Sup't of the Reform School, West Meridan, Conn. Several visitors here in the afternoon.

June 29.—R. D. and S. G. granted ticket of leave. Visited by the Hon. Messrs. Dinsmore and Mason.

July 2.—C. K., D. P. and A. W. sent by Superior Court. July 3.—Sunday being the fourth, we celebrated the third. The boys were up early celebrating with fire-crackers and small cannon. Every one seems to have spent a happy day; had a good dinner; plenty of music and games of various sorts, velocipede riding being prominent; with a fine display of fire works in the evening. E. S. Wells, Esq., J. H. Gray, Secretary of the Board of Guardians, G. W. Perkins, Warden of the State Penitentiary, and several others spent part of the day with us. The parents and friends of the inmates spent the afternoon with them in the yard, enjoying the festivities.

July 5.—Band went to Palatine to a celebration—are to give a concert there to-night.

July 8.—Band out with the Ninth Presbyterian Sunday School on the Lake. Gave Geo. F. his ticket and sent him to his friends. Received F. S. to-day.

July 9.—Visited to-day by acting Mayor Schintz, Alderman Kehoe and Walsh. Boys went to the lake to-night.

July 14.—Several visitors here to-day. Alderman Hildreth here this afternoon. A. Z. changed his ticket; is doing very well.

July 23.—Mr. John Woodbridge preached to-day at the usual time.

August 7.—Owing to the eclipse, smoked glass was in great demand.

Aug. 9.—Visited by Walter Kimball, Comptroller and member of our Board, also Mrs. Kimball and family.

Aug. 11.—Gave M. T. and T. G. their tickets. Band out on the North side at a Pic-nic.

Aug. 14—Band at Tabernacle Pic-nic to-day. They were out all yesterday. Gave E. P. his ticket to-day.

Aug. 28.—George Ryal was drowned to-day while bathing in the lake; his body has not been recovered yet.

September 1.—George Ryal's body found this morning. Funeral services were held on the green.

Sept. 11.—J. Mc N. sent to the School by the Superior Court. Band at Ellis Park. Gave F. Mc. his discharge.

Sept. 12.—Rev. Mr. White addressed the School this afternoon. Mr. Frank Ives and J. H. Gray, Secretary, here.

Sept. 13.-Gave J. A. his ticket.

Sept. 17.—J. H. Laverty, Sup't Philadelphia House of Refuge, visited here to-day.

Sept. 18.—Band at the Railroad Mission Pic-nic.

Sept. 21.—Visited to-day by T. A. Holland, Esq., Editor of the N. W. R. R. Journal.

Sept. 26.—Rev. Mr. Holmes from Conn. preached to the boys this morning, from the text: "Christ the Rock of our Salvation." The services were very interesting, and every one present seemed deeply impressed.

Sept. 28.—John D., Wm. O. and Wm. B., committed to our care this afternoon.

October 7.—N. J. received to-day. Band gave a concert at the M. E. Church, corner Indiana Avenue and Twenty-first Street. Visited by J. H. Gray, Esq., See'y of the Board.

Oct. 10.—Our school room having undergone a thorough renovation, was re-opened to-day with appropriate services. E. S. Wells, Walter Kimball and J. H. Gray, members of the Board, were among the large number of visitors present. E. S. Wells, Esq. delivered the opening address.

Oct. 20.—Band out this eve. J. R. sent here. Gave J. W. and J. G. their tickets to-day.

Oct. 28.—Frank Owen died this morning of consumption; had been sick for a long time.

November 1.—Gave R. B. his ticket, and sent him to Iowa to live with a farmer.

Nov. 4.—Ticketed Thos. C., J. H. and J. B. to-day.

Nov. 18.—Thanksgiving. The entire day was one of real enjoyment. Dinner was served up in the large Basket shop in good style, and in great abundance. Roast turkey, pig, beef, vegetables of all kinds, eranberry sauce, and pies without limit. The Band gave us some of their finest music. Sixteen ticketed and discharged boys were present. Rev. Mr. White talked in a most happy manner for a short time, which added to the pleasure of the day.

Nov. 27.—Dr. J. H. Hollister, of the Board of Guardians, visited to-day.

Nov. 28.—D. L. Moody conducted the chapel exercises this morning. He told the story of the cross in a most touching manner; a deep interest could be seen in the face of every one present.

December 1.—George H. Miller, aged seventeen years and nine months, died this morning from the effects of a blow on the head, given by the outside night-watchman J. B. We all know the blow was not intended to be severe, but it was a most unfortunate one; for no matter what the provocation is, he who raises his hand too strike an inmate at any time, oversteps his duty. J. B. is in a pitiful state of mind, and if ever man was sorry for being the involuntary cause of putting an end to the life of a fellow creature, then J. B. is that man today. E. S. Wadsworth, President, J. H. Gray, Secretary, Judge Skinner, Dr. J. H. Hollister, members of the Board of Guardians, here to-day investigating into the affair above mentioned. At the Coroner's inquest, the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above statement.

Dec. 17.-J. H. Gray, Secretary, visited the School.

Dec. 25.—Christmas. The boys received visits from their friends. Workshops all closed; lively times in the different playgrounds. J. H. Gray, Secretary, here. Gave the boys an entertainment in the Basket shop which passed off very pleasantly.

Dec. 26.—Mr. Clement, of Cottage Grove, spoke to the boys this morning at service from the words, "My son give me thy heart." Rev. Mr. White also spoke to the boys in the afternoon.

Dec. 28.—E. S. Wadsworth, Pres't, and Judge Skinner of the Board, visited all our work shops and buildings to-day. The band gave a concert at the North Presbyterian Church to-night.

January 1, 1870.—A glorious New Year's day. The boys changed and made ready for a grand, good time. The bell at 3 P. M. summoned them to the Basket shop, where a bountiful dinner was served up in good style, which they entered into the merits of with earnest zeal. Then followed an hour's play in the different yards, after which they again assembled for amusement and a social time. Candies and nuts were

distributed, and after spending two hours in a very lively, pleasant manner, they were dismissed for the night to their respective apartments, happy and free from care. God grant they may spend a better year after so joyous a begining, and bring joy and gladness to the hearts of those laboring for their welfare.

Jan. 9.—Very cold. Mr. Taylor, a gentleman from England, addressed the boys to day; subject, Christ the good shepherd. Several visitors present.

Jan. 11.—R. O., and P. C. sent to-day by Superior Court. Several visitors. Mr. Taylor again here, talking and singing with the boys.

Jan. 16.—Rev. Mr. Mandeville spoke to the boys to-day. Jan. 20.—J. Me J. sent by Recorder's Court.

Jan. 27.—Charles S. granted ticket of leave and sent to his friends in Cincinnati. Dr. J. H. Hollister of the Board here to-day.

February 2.—Hon. Mark Skinner and Geo. Taylor, Esq., Comptroller, members of the Board, went over the Institution to-day.

Feb. 6.—II. N. received his ticket, and was sent to live with a farmer; also sent J. R. to his friends in New York.

Feb. 11.—A. H. and A. B. sent here by Superior Court. Gave H. H. and M. S. their tickets and sent them into the country with a farmer.

Feb. 15.—F. N., J. M. and R. N. committed to our care to-day, from the Superior Court.

Feb. 16.—Granted W. P. his ticket, and sent him to his friends in Ohio.

March 4.—A. J. received his ticket to-day.

March 8.—Band out this evening at festival in Broadway Hall. J. O. M. received his ticket to-day.

March 16.—Judge Skinner, and Mr. E. S. Wadsworth, President of the Board of Guardians, visited to-day.

March 22.-P. H. received his ticket to-day.

## LETTERS FROM BOYS.

July 15, 1869.

MR. TURNER,

Dear Sir:—Mr. H. is a good man and has treated me kindly. I am just the same as if I were one of his children. He is very rich, and owns over four hundred acres of land. He has seven horses, and five hundred sheep; fifty hogs, and fifteen or twenty head of cattle; and I don't believe he knows how much poultry. The yard is full of turkeys, chickens and geese. I gather up a large pail full of eggs every night. I have about two hours to go hunting rabbits every day, which are very plenty.

When I came to get ready to go to town on the fourth, Mrs. H. sent me up stairs to see what was on my bed. There I found a whole suit of clothes, all new, laid out for me to put on. I thank you very much for sending me to so good a place, and I often think how fortunate I was in being sent to

you when I was.

Yours truly,

J. F.

North Branch, Oswego Co., Minn. Nov. 7, 1869.

Mr. Turner,

Dear Sir:—This is my first chance to write you since I left Chicago. I had to leave home and friends and do for myself; for every one was heavy on strong drink, and I could not stand that. So I went to the Employment Office, and they sent me to Minnesota to work on the Rail Road. When I got there I did not like it, so I left to go further down the line. I started on foot after dinner, and after a walk of ten miles through swamps and over mountains, I reached a

shanty where I got supper and lodging, and then worked half a day to pay for it, which I was willing to do, for I had not a cent in my pocket. Then I started on my tramp again, and walked till night. I made a big fire and roasted a few pota toes I had taken from a farm on my journey. Eating them I laid down to sleep on the ground, but I was not nsed to just such a bed, and did not sleep much. For the next two days and a half I had nothing but blackberries. Then I found work on a boat about four miles from the rail-road line. Or rather I went to the boat for food, which you may believe by that time I went in for. I worked grading on the rail-road for a couple of weeks, but the food and lodging were so uncomfortable, that I left and came to N. B. Here I hope to stay for some time.

Please give me another ticket. I used my last to build a fire to keep off wild animals. Write soon and let me know how the folks are getting along.

T. G.

December 28, 1869.

Dear Friend:—A Happy New Year to you and all the School. Please tell the boys Franz wishes them a Happy New Year, and for yourself, long life, health, wealth and every thing a person wishes for. I have no present to give you but this wish, and I give it from my heart. I thank God for sparing my life another year, and I hope to begin life in different ways from which the old was spent. I have tried to do what was right ever since I left the School, but I have often offended in thought and action. I hope to do so no more. I have been so happy since I came here; I want to make some return to God for it.

J. F.

January 26, 1870.

MR. TURNER,

Dear Sir:—I was glad to receive your letter. I hope I am doing as you wanted me to do. I am getting along first-rate. I have a good home and good friends, and I don't mean to be behind anybody. I go to Church and Sunday School every Sunday, and will do as you ask me. I will not

forget in a hurry how good you have been to me, and the chance you gave me, and I think you will see you did not give it to me for nothing.

R.B.

January 29, 1870.

Mr. Turner,

Dear Sir:—I like my place and am just as happy as I can be. Mr. E. says I am doing very well indeed. Remember me to the boys and tell them how contented I am. H. N.

January 28, 1870.

MR. TURNER,

Dear Sir:—I was about writing you a letter for Thanksgiving, but thought you would not care to be bothered. I think I see you all sitting down to your dinner of turkeys and chickens. I do not know how to thank you for sending me the picture of the School. I have it in a nice frame. Every body admires it so much. I have been to a concert lately, but I don't think it near so nice as some of those our band has given. I thought of some of those I used to take part in. Would not I like to sing with them again? I am going to night school, and like it very much. You see I am improving in my writing. I am still in the same place at work. Mr. B. said probably they would want me in the office this Spring.

Hurrah for our Band.

Very sincerely,

H.

February 13, 1870.

MR. TURNER,

Dear Friend:—I received your letter on the 15th of the month, but neglected to answer it. I have been very busy chopping wood. I have quite a lot of wood to chop this winter. I had a very nice time Christmas. My brother came out from Chicago and stayed a few days. Please tell me how all the boys are getting along. Tell W. W. to write to me a few lines, and I'll answer him. I wish he was out here to work on a farm. I'll bet he would like it. I like farm

work about as well as I like anything. We have lots of apples here. In the fall they sold them for from three to five cents a bushel. I go to Church and Sunday School every Sunday, and like it first-rate. I send my ticket in this letter.

Yours truly,

J. S.

Mokena, February 26, 1870.

My dear Friend:—I like my place very much. I have been well ever since I came. I thank you very much for sending me here. I have been going to school this winter. I have got up into the third reader. Please write and let me know how you are.

Truly yours,

Н. В.

New York, March 1, 1870.

Dear Friend:—I take pleasure in writing you to let you know that I arrived home safe and sound, and found the old folks all right. I went first to the place I used to live, but they were not there, and nobody knew anything of them. Then I looked for my aunt, and found her without trouble. So I found where my father and mother were. None of them knew me, until I made myself known to them as Joseph did to his brethren. I went in a few days to find H. H. He is in a wholesale grocery and provision store. I am driving a wagon for the same house.

Remember me to all the boys and officers.

J. R.

Pierceville, March 2, 1870.

MR. TURNER,

Dear Sir:—I will keep my promise and write you a few lines to let you know I am well. I am getting along good. I like the place, and am very good so far. It is winter yet, but it will soon be spring, then I can go to plowing and dragging. I am now tending the hogs and sheep and chickens. The folks I live with have two children. I have been going to school all the time so far. Please send me another ticket, and write me very soon.

Very truly,

New York, March 7, 1870.

Mr. TURNER.

Dear Sir:—I received your welcome letter, and was glad to hear from you. We are getting along finely here. I am still in my same place to work. My employers have raised my wages two dollars per week. They think a great deal of me. F. is working in a provision store, and is getting ten dollars a week. I think he has turned over a new leaf. Poor H. I have not seen for the last seven months. He had a number of places, but was too lazy to work, and lost them all. When I last saw him he looked awful. It is almost Sunday School time and I must cut short now. I will write a little oftener.

Yours truly,

H. H.

March 23, 1870.

Dear Friend :- I received your letter, but I thought it so long coming that I was afraid it was lost. I must tell you what kind of a time I am having. It has rained and snowed ' all the time for the last two weeks. One night it snowed about a foot on a level, and in some places it drifted awful high. I had to shovel it away from the sheep pens and barns to get the sheep out of the snow. It was so deep that some of the yearlings would get stuck. They would follow me to get their feed, and then get so deep in the snow that I would have to go and lift the little fellows out, until we got a road made for them. One week it rained. That was an awful hard week for the sheep. We had to keep them shut up all the time. They did not like that, for sheep won't stand quiet after sunrise, and I always have them out every morning when it does not rain, before sunrise. It has been just a year to-day since I got my ticket, and it has passed very quick. I have been in good health all the time, and I can hardly tell how happy-that word will hardly do-Mr. Turner, I have lived as happy as a king this year, and intend to live so. Farmer's work is hard, but it is honest.

Now I must say good-bye.

Yours truly,

Pierceville, March 12, 1870.

MR. TURNER,

I enclose my ticket again. I am getting along first-rate. I like my place, and the folks like me, so I think I shall get along right well. I have learned a good deal already. I plowed some, and have dragged; and I can harness and hitch up a team; and I can milk some too. I like my place very much.

Yours truly,

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